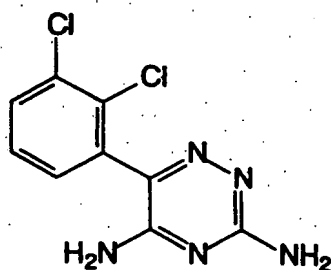


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 through 8, 17 and 18 (canceled)

1 9. (Previously Presented) A process for the synthesis of
2 3,5-diamino-6-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazine of formula (I)

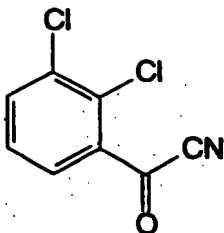


I

4 which comprises the steps of:

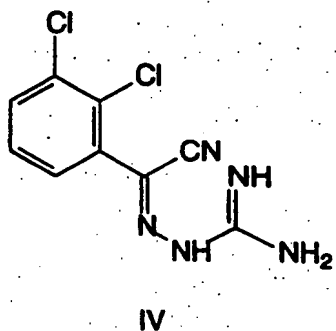
5 (a) transforming 2,3-dichlorobenzoyl cyanide of formula

6 (II)



II

8 with 1-2 mol equivalent of an aminoguanidine salt in 3-6 mol
9 equivalent of methanesulfonic acid to obtain an adduct of the
10 Formula (IV)

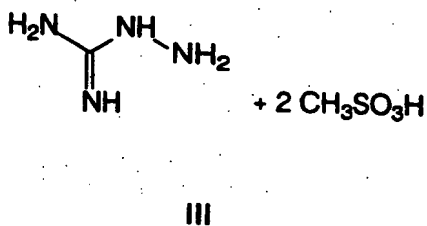


12 and,

13 (b) then transforming the obtained adduct of formula (IV)
14 without isolation with magnesium oxide, to obtain the compound of
15 the Formula (I).

1 10. (Previously Presented) The process defined in claim
2 9 further comprising the step of recrystallizing the obtained
3 compound of the Formula (I) using an organic solvent.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The process defined in claim
2 9, wherein according to step (a) the aminoguanidine salt is the
3 dimesylate salt of the formula (III)



1 12. (Previously Presented) The process defined in claim
2 11, wherein according to step (a) 1.3 mol equivalent of

3 aminoguanidine dimesylate of formula (III) are used per equivalent
4 of the compound of the Formula (II).

1 13. (Previously Presented) The process defined in claim
2 9, wherein according to step (a) 4.2 mol equivalent of
3 methanesulfonic acid are employed per equivalent of the compound of
4 the Formula (II).

1 14. (Previously Presented) The process defined in claim
2 9, wherein according to step (b) the cyclization is carried out in
3 the presence of 2-4 mol equivalent of magnesium oxide.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The process according to
2 claim 14, wherein the cyclization is carried out by using 3.75 mol
3 equivalent of magnesium oxide.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The process according to
2 claim 10, wherein acetone is the organic solvent used for the
3 recrystallization.